

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 12-17 are currently in the subject application.

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-9 and 12-17.

Claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Whitcomb, U.S. Patent No. 6,011,049. Claims 10 and 11 have been cancelled.

It is respectfully requested that the subject application be allowed to issue as a U.S. patent containing allowed claims 1 through 9 and 12 through 17.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to call the undersigned attorney on record "collect" on any matter connected with this application. The telephone number is 212-588-0800. In the absence of the undersigned attorney of record, the call will be accepted by any attorney empowered in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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